for Action for Education for All. The six goals included in this Framework for Action are addressed to all member States, and not to India in particular. One of these six goals is aimed at "Eliminating gender disparities in primary and secondary education by 2005, and achieving gender equality in education by 2015, with a focus on ensuring girls' full and equal access to and achievement in basic education of good quality".

(c) No Sir. UNESCO is principally not a funding agency.

(d) Does not arise:

Curriculum on Human Development

2061. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to introduce a course curriculum on human development in higher education;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the United Nations Development Programme in association with the Institute of Human Development and the Human Development Research Centre has formulated a course curriculum on human development; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Scholarships for school dropouts

2062. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NCERT is considering to launch scholarship programmes to woo dropouts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) The Scheme of National Talent Search (NTS) Scholarship for school dropouts has been introduced for a period of one year as a pilot project. The Scheme provides for 100 scholarships for children who have dropped from regular schooling after

class VIII and also for reservation of 15% and 7.5% respectively for SCs and STs out of the total scholarship awardees. The selection procedure and all other rules and regulations of disbursement of scholarship are similar to that of the existing NTS Scheme.

Entry and operation of Foreign Universities/Institutes

2063. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Council for Technical Education has issued a notification in April, 2003 to regulate entry and operations of Foreign Universities/Institutions;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines, and

(c) the specific sectors in which FDI has been allowed in Education under authorised route without sectoral cap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) issued a notification dated April 3, 2003 regarding regulation for entry and operation of foreign universities/institutions imparting technical education in India. The notification provided for procedure and conditions for registration by the foreign university/institution concerned and withdrawal of registration by the AICTE.

(c) Foreign Direct Investment in education covering all sectors is allowed under the automatic route without any sectoral cap.

Mid-Day Meal Scheme

2064. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the deficiencies in implementation of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the necessary steps taken by Government to bring about improvement in implementation of the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) Some of the main deficiencies have been in terms of:

- provision of infrastructure for the programme,